



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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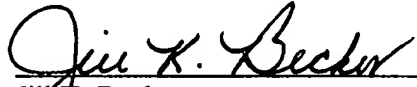
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Title: ROUTING INSTANT MESSAGES USING CONFIGURABLE,  
PLUGGABLE DELIVERY MANAGERS

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**Response To Final Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Final Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 10, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Final Office Action is initially due on or before June 10, 2006, and thus, this Response is being timely filed.

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